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Raul Maldonado

March 9, 2017

Ms. Lori Glasgow, Executive Director  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Glasgow:

To stay in compliance with Senate Bill 415 and Election Codes 14050 through 14057, on March 7, 2017, the Palmdale School District's Board of Trustees approved a Resolution to Consolidate School Board Member Elections with Statewide Elections. An official copy of the Resolution is enclosed.

Inclusive of an Official Impact Analysis, the Palmdale School District hereby formally requests approval to change the Palmdale School District's Board of Trustee elections from the First Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year and move Board elections to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year. All current members of the Board of Trustees are aware that their terms will be extended by one year if our request is approved.

Feel free to contact us if you need clarification or more information.

Sincerely,



Raul Maldonado  
Superintendent of Schools

RM/cdg  
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Alex Olvera, L.A. Registrar, Recorder & County Clerk  
Dr. Allison Deegan, Los Angeles County Office of Education

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

51 May 2, 2017



LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO  
EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Palmdale School District (“District”) currently serve staggered terms, and the current date for the election of the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Palmdale School District (“District”) is every two years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2017; November 2019; etc.) (Education Code section 5000; Education Code section 35105; and Elections Code section 1302, subd. (a)); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2016) (Elections Code section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 415, the Voter Participation Act will take effect on January 1, 2018 (the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act would prohibit the District from holding an election on any date other than a statewide election date if doing so in the past has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election that is at least 25 percent less than the average turnout in the District in the previous four statewide general elections (Elections Code § 14051-14052); and

**WHEREAS**, voter turnout is generally greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections, including school board member elections; and

**WHEREAS**, aligning the District’s elections with the statewide general elections is likely to reduce the District’s election costs; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election for the purpose of reducing election costs and to provide greater voter input into school board elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to consolidate Board member elections with statewide general elections on even-numbered years for the purpose of reducing election costs and allowing for Board member elections to occur when the largest number of voters generally participate in the election; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is located within Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code 1302, subd. (b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Elections Code section 10404.5); and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in the election date is approved by the County Board of Supervisors, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2017 to November 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, if the County Board of Supervisors approves the District Board’s resolution to establish Board member elections on the same day as the statewide general election, the terms of all Board members will be extended by one year pursuant to Elections Code section 10404.5, subd. (g), with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020 [see Appendix A].

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Palmdale School District Board of Trustees adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years (Elections Code section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302 (b); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors not later than 240 days prior to the date of the currently scheduled November 2017 Board election, requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been submitted in accordance with Elections Code section 10404.5, subd. (d)(1); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in the election date by the Los Angeles County Board Supervisors as required by Elections Code section 10404.5, subd. (e); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election dates is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of the November 2017 Board election will be moved to November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that is the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current board members expiring in November 2017 will be extended to November 2018 and the term of board members expiring in November 2019 will be extended to November 2020, as described in Appendix A.

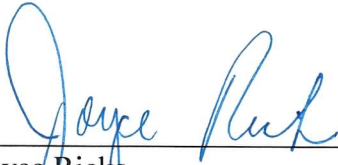
This Resolution was adopted at a duly called regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Palmdale School District held this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

AYES:                5    

NOES:               0    

ABSENT:            0    

ABSTAIN:           0    



Joyce Ricks  
President, Board of Trustees  
Palmdale School District

Date: March 7, 2017

I, Sharon Vega, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Palmdale School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees in closed session during its meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.



Sharon Vega  
Clerk, Board of Trustees  
Palmdale School District

Date: March 7, 2017

**Appendix A**

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Current Election Year</u></b>	<b><u>New Election Year</u></b>
Joyce Ricks	2017	2018
Nancy Smith	2017	2018
Dennis Trujillo	2019	2020
Sharon Vega	2019	2020
Ralph Velador	2017	2018